

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Minjarez

H.B. No. 1608

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating a pilot program to provide summer internships  
for foster children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is  
amended by adding Section 264.1251 to read as follows:

Sec. 264.1251. SUMMER INTERNSHIP PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The  
department shall establish a summer internship pilot program that  
provides foster children with the opportunity to develop marketable  
job skills and obtain professional work experience through a summer  
internship with a participating business, nonprofit organization,  
or governmental entity.

(b) The department may collaborate with other state  
agencies, as appropriate, to establish the pilot program. The  
pilot program may be implemented in more than one department  
region.

(c) The department may enter into an agreement with one or  
more entities described by Subsection (a) to allow the entity to  
award internships to children who participate in the pilot program.  
Internships provided under the pilot program may be paid or unpaid.

(d) Not later than April 1 of each year, the department  
shall select foster children or former foster children who are 15  
years of age or older to participate in the pilot program. Each  
child participating in the pilot program shall enter into an

1 agreement with the organization awarding the internship and the  
2 department relating to the terms of the child's internship.

3 (e) The department shall complete an evaluation of the pilot  
4 program not later than the second anniversary of the date the  
5 program begins.

6 (f) The department shall submit a report on the evaluation  
7 of the pilot program to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and  
8 the speaker of the house of representatives. The report must  
9 include:

10 (1) the number of children who participated in the  
11 pilot program;

12 (2) the location and type of internships provided  
13 under the pilot program; and

14 (3) details of the department's efforts to recruit  
15 eligible children to participate in the pilot program.

16 (g) The executive commissioner may adopt rules necessary to  
17 implement this section.

18 (h) This section expires September 1, 2021.

19 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2018, the Department of  
20 Family and Protective Services shall establish the pilot program  
21 required by Section 264.1251, Family Code, as added by this Act.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

ADOPTED  
MAY 22 2017  
*Lolita Daw*  
Secretary of the Senate

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Substitute the following for \_\_\_\_B. No. \_\_\_\_:

By: *[Signature]*

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**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 23, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1608** by Minjarez (Relating to creating a pilot program to provide summer internships for foster youth.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Family Code relating to creating a pilot program to provide summer internships for foster youth. Based on information provided by the Department of Family and Protective Services and the Health and Human Services Commission, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of each house, otherwise this bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

**LBB Staff:** UP, SD, KCA, EP, JLi, TBo, JGA

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**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 17, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1608** by Minjarez (Relating to creating a pilot program to provide summer internships for foster youth.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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**May 9, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 22, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Richard Peña Raymond, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1608** by Minjarez (Relating to creating a pilot program to provide summer internships for foster children.), **As Introduced**

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